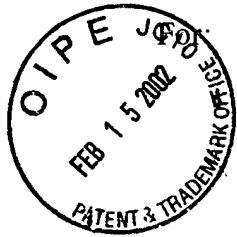


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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
UNDER 35 USC 119(e) FOR BENEFIT OF A PRIOR FILED
PROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petitions to have accepted an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 USC 119(e) for the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/171,615 filed on December 23, 1999. Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment inserting immediately after the title of the invention a specific reference to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/171,615 filed on December 23, 1999 from which Applicants claim priority under 35 USC 119 (e). A check in the amount of \$1,280 is enclosed herewith to satisfy the government fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t). The entire delay between the date the claim of priority was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the present date (i.e., the date the claim for priority is being filed) was unintentional.

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It is believed that no additional fees are owing. Should determination be incorrect, the Patent Office Officials are hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 13-2759, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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